



Johne's season is here! Listed below are a few things to keep in mind and will hopefully clarify a few common questions on our procedures. As always, please feel free to contact the VDL if you have any questions.

Please include the Sample Number & Animal ID on each collected fecal sample. The Sample Number is #1, 2, 3, 4, etc.

- Including the Sample Number on the sleeve, bag, screw cap jar, etc. will significantly reduce the time it takes to process the samples and get you faster results.
- An extra fee will be added on cases where the lab has to renumber/fill out a new Sample ID Form when samples do not match the submitted sheet.

Please email a typed Excel file with the Sample Number & Animal IDs. This will greatly speed up accessioning and processing time.

- **Send at least 5 grams of fecal material per animal.** For example, the amount to fill a finger of a sleeve/glove or 1-2mL if a liquid consistency.
 - DO NOT send fecals in whirl-paks, glass containers, or receptacles with staples or holes.
- **All pooling will be done at the Laboratory.** Pool 1 will include Samples #1-5, Pool 2 Samples #6-10, and so on.
- We do not shift the pooling procedure if samples are missing. However, if a positive pool only has four individuals, we will only charge for four individual retests.

On pool cases, if there are any samples you would like tested individually, we highly encourage you to include a second submission sheet with the samples listed you want tested individually.

- We will assign those individuals another case number. Results should be available faster than if waiting for the pools/retests. These must be submitted in the same box as the pooled case and we will not charge a second accessioning fee.
- It is still OK to put individuals at the end of the pool submission list and clearly marked for individual testing; however, results will not be reported until the rest of the pools/retests have been completed.

Turnaround time will vary depending on the time of year, Johne's case load, and how well labeled. We will always do our best to get results in a timely matter and will contact you if we cannot report results within the timeframe listed on the website. Holidays and unexpected University/Lab closures (ie. snow days) can delay turnaround times and add an extra 1-2 days.

- During the 'fall/winter busy season', you may receive results faster than anticipated because we run the Johne's assay multiple times per week.
- During slower seasons or when we have fewer submissions, turnaround times follow those posted on the website. The assay is performed on Tuesday.
 - **Individuals** – results will be reported within 1-2 business days of testing, so results should be expected on Wednesday or Thursday.
 - Individual samples must be received by 9:30am on Tuesday to be on the run.
 - FedEx and UPS DO NOT arrive before 9:30am.
 - **Pools** – results could take up to 15 days. The pools will be tested on a Tuesday, and any reweighs will be tested on the following Tuesday.
 - Arrival time, size of the case, and how well labeled a case is can delay testing and get closer to the 14-15 day turnaround time.

We appreciate an email that a large case (100+ animals) is coming. If you have questions about the status of your case or when results should be out, please email or call the Laboratory and we will get back to you as soon as possible.